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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, 37 CFR 1.111**

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Dear Madam:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 12, 2004, the time period for response thereto being set to expire September 12, 2004 (a Sunday), Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Applicants' Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**A Substitute Sequence List** is submitted herewith (paper and computer disk).

**Please note that the claim language remains unchanged from Applicant's prior response (filed October 24, 2003).**